

# Today's News of Western Illinois

## FRED D. BLAZER EDITOR ALEDO PAPER, PASSES

Manager of Times Record Dies at 10 O'clock Last Evening at Home.

(Special to The Argus.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—Fred D. Blazer, manager and editor of the Times Record Printing company of Aledo, publisher of the Times Record, died last night at 10 o'clock of septicaemia, after a four weeks' illness.

Mr. Blazer was 46 years of age. For the past 16 years he had been connected with the newspaper company and was one of the best known men in the county. He was born Nov. 12, 1881, and had been a life resident of Aledo. He attended schools here, attended Monmouth college for one year and completed his education at Wichita, Kansas, taking a two years' course there. While in that city he met Elizabeth Niedlander, and was married.

Several business men of Aledo went in the office today and will manage the business until the father, D. N. Blazer and brother Herschel, can again take up the duties of the office.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral. D. E. Farr, Aledo business man, stated this morning that in all probability business houses of the city will close during the hour of the funeral.

Beside the widow, two sons, Frederick and Rex, survive. The father and mother of Aledo, two brothers, Paul of Lexington, Kentucky, and Herschel of Aledo and one sister, Jessie, at home, also survive.

## MRS. GIEBRICH IS ELECTED HEAD OF LEGION AUXILIARY

(Special Correspondence.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—At the meeting for the annual election of officers of the women's auxiliary held at the legion rooms last night, Mrs. Bessie Giebrich was elected to head the organization for the 1922 year.

Mrs. W. C. Emerson was elected vice president. Mrs. Katie Elwyn, secretary and Miss Helen Winger, treasurer. The attendance at the meeting was unusually good. Members of the executive committee elected were Mrs. O. E. Carlstrom, Miss Jessie Blazer and Mrs. Clair Wilkitts.

After the business meeting an enjoyable social time was had. Refreshments were served in the form of a pot luck supper. Hot coffee was served and several members stated that the meeting was exceptionally interesting.

## WILL SET COUNTY DOCKET JAN. 9TH

(Special to The Argus.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—Monday, January 9, the Mercer County Bar association will meet at the court house in Aledo for the purpose of setting the county court docket. The meeting is the preliminary opening of the January session of the county court.

There is a probability that there will be no trials for this term. About six or seven cases will be arranged before County Judge Friend L. Church, but as none of the parties concerned have secured attorneys yet it is expected that they will plead guilty to the various minor charges entered against them. No civil cases have been listed.

## AGED LIVERYMAN CALLED TUESDAY

(Special Correspondence.)  
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## Aledo Briefs

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balmor of near Aledo who fell from his kiddy car Christmas day and suffered concussion of the brain, is slightly improved today, according to James W. Wallace of Aledo, attending physician. For some time the little lad was in a critical condition but it is believed now that the danger is past.

**Sponsor Oyster Supper.**  
At a recent meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church of Aledo it was voted to stage an oyster supper which will be given tomorrow evening at the church. The serving commences promptly at 6 o'clock.

**Amusements.**  
Tonight the Warnock Troubadour orchestra of Aledo will stage their regular Wednesday night dance in the Meier hall. The dances have been meeting with success and Mr. Warnock announces that as long as the crowds are good they will continue to sponsor dances throughout the winter on Wednesday nights.

Tomorrow night Fallersons post of the American Legion will sponsor their gala carnival ball at the Aledo opera house. The hall will be decorated and fairy balloons, serpentine streamers and snowball confetti will all be included in the entertainment.

## DUROC MEN PLAN JANUARY EVENT

(Special to The Argus.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the executive committee of the Mercer County Duroc Breeders' association held at the Aledo farm bureau office, various committees were named for the 1922 year.

It was decided that the association should stage their annual banquet and entertainment some night during the coming month of January. The social committee was in charge of the affair and will set the date in the near future.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the association would stand behind their guarantee in the future as well as behind each individual exhibitor in the committee appointed.

Publicity—L. F. Gillmor, George Morrow and James Hollinsack.

Sales and inspection—Emerson Crabs, chairman, Earl Morrow and Verne Taylor.

Social—K. H. Underwood, chairman, Emerson Crabs, L. F. Gillmor, W. E. Standcliff and Earl Morrow.

Exhibit—L. F. Gillmor, chairman, Fred Crawford, Ira Mayhew and Verne Taylor.

Pig club—Earl Morrow, chairman, W. E. Standcliff and Ray Barnes.

## MRS. B. CURTIS, MILAN, HOSTESS TO D. E. GIRLS

(Special Correspondence.)  
Milan, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ben Curtis was hostess to the D. E. girls Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ralph Palmer, east of town. After the games delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Curtis. The house was prettily decorated with the Christmas colors.

Five hundred forty-seven Red Cross seals were sold by the pupils of the eighth grade the past week. Arthur Decker is home from Abingdon, Ill., where he is attending Heddling college, and will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dieson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Danielson drove to DeWitt, Iowa, Monday afternoon to see their nephew, Robert Kell, who is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Dieson remained until Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Cropper had a serious accident Saturday when her left arm pushed through the glass in the grade door at the Otto Larson home. Dr. Eddy was called and it was necessary to take four stitches in the forearm to close the wound.

## MOLINE PLAYERS WIN GAME FROM HILLSDALE TEAM

(Special to The Argus.)  
Hillsdale, Dec. 28.—In a game played at the Hillsdale high school gym last night between the Hillsdale Independents and the Moline Illini, the latter won the tilt with a score of 27 to 24. The game was a close one. Hillsdale led at the end of the first half with a score of 16 to 11. H. Miller of Erie refereed the game. Following is the lineup of the game:

Hillsdale—Menze, rt; Crowbridge, lf; M. Crowbridge, c; Butler, rg; Donahoe, lg; substitute, Schneecree as lf.

Moline—Clayton, rf; L. Gaylord, lf; C. Rowher, c; H. Gaylord, rg; Axene, rg; substitute, S. Rowher lg.

On Friday night the Hillsdale high school team will play the Prophetstown high team at Hillsdale. The Hillsdale Independents will play Erie Legion basket tossers at Erie on Jan. 2.

**BRAND INVITES ALL.**  
Paris, Dec. 28.—Premier Brand invited the British, American, Italian, Japanese and Belgian governments to be represented at the international and economic conferences at Gannax, Jan. 6.

## MERCER HERO TO BE BURIED NEXT FRIDAY

Hershel M. Sherer, Who Died Overseas in 1919, Will Be Laid to Rest With Military Honors.

(Special to The Argus.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—Hershel M. Sherer, son of Mrs. Augusta Sherer of Aledo, will be laid to rest with military honors here Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Sherer received a telegram yesterday from New York stating that the body had been sent. It is expected to arrive in Aledo tomorrow evening. Fallersons post of the American Legion of Aledo will be in charge of the services. Services will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church. Interment will be in the Aledo cemetery.

The deceased is a world war veteran, who died at Brest, France, Feb. 16, 1919, at the age of 19 years. Influenza which developed into bronchitis pneumonia was the cause of his death and he only lived six days after first contracting the illness.

Hershel lived in Aledo for many years and attended the public schools. He was well known here and had a host of friends. Besides the mother, a sister and a brother survive, Walter and Lucille, both at home.

**Request of Commander.**  
Commander Tommy Kenny of Fallersons post requests that all members meet at the post rooms at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon in full uniform. In case the body does not arrive as scheduled Commander Kenny will notify the members.

## LIVESTOCK MEN TO HAVE ANNUAL MEET THURSDAY

(Special to The Argus.)  
Aledo, Dec. 28.—Thursday night the Livestock Shipping association of Reynolds will hold their annual meeting at the Reynolds opera house.

Among the features of the evening will be an oyster stew which will be prepared by Sam McIntyre, who is said to be an adept in this art. To date this year the association has shipped 240 cars of stock and the record shows efficient handling and loading of the stock as the shipments were low and the averages of the sales were remarkably good. During the 1920 year only 126 cars were shipped by the association, the past year showing an increase of over 100 cars.

## NEW WINDSOR MAN IS BURIED MONDAY

(Special Correspondence.)  
New Windsor, Dec. 28.—Funeral services for John Spivey, who died Dec. 23, were held from the home in New Windsor Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hoff had charge of the services. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of A. J. Christy, M. L. Robb, Mrs. Charles Fay and Lily Johnson.

Mr. Spivey was born in Preemption, Ill., in 1856. He spent his boyhood near Alpha and was a member of the Methodist church there. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Lottie Roberts, one son, Gerald, was born to this union. Mrs. Spivey passed away in 1898. In 1909 Mr. Spivey was again married to Lottie Roberts, who, with one son, John, survives.

## ENTERTAIN AT HOME MONDAY

(Special Correspondence.)  
Coal Valley, Dec. 28.—The Misses Anna and Margaret Pryce were hostesses to a number of friends at their home in Coal Valley Monday. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Haddick and son Ralph of Moline, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seale and family of Rock Island, Mr. and Mrs. John Pryce and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pryce and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dallnege entertained their children and families at a Christmas dinner Monday. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wilson and family, Moline; Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood, Myra and Irene Wood of Rock Island; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hutchinson, Moline; Mrs. James Spargo and son Joe of Rural, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McWhinney and family, Sunny Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. John Spargo of near Orion.

## MANY INVITED TO DINNER AT MORGAN HOME

(Special Correspondence.)  
Port Byron, Dec. 28.—There was a large family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Morgan on Christmas day. The company included Dr. W. H. Lyford, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lyford and daughters, Rev. and Mrs. F. I. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. George Schafer and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Elipper of Moline, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Olson of Florence and Margaret Skelton and Wilbur Skelton.

**Severely Injured.**  
Ed Ashdown, who was severely injured last Wednesday when he fell from a wagon loaded with hedge posts, was moved from the country to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Wendt, in Port Byron. He is reported to be doing as well as can be expected.

## MISS DONNELLY OF SHEFFIELD MARRIED TODAY

Ceremony Solemnized at Nuptial Mass at 9 O'clock—Reception Follows Service.

Sheffield, Dec. 28.—A pretty holiday wedding was solemnized at nuptial mass at St. Patrick's church, Sheffield, Ill., at 9 o'clock this morning when Miss Viola Donnelly became the bride of Wilbur Reider, Rev. William M. Murtaugh officiating.

The attendants were Miss Bessie Donnelly, sister of the bride, and John McHugh of Marshalltown, Iowa, a cousin of the bride. Little Harold Donnelly, nephew of the bride, was the tiny ringbearer.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white charmesse with veil of tulle and her flowers were pink bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of pink satin with hat to match and her flowers were pink carnations.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Donnelly, west of town. A four-course breakfast was served to 50 guests.

Both bride and groom are graduates of the Sheffield high school and are among the community's most popular young people. They will reside on a farm.

## WOMAN DIES AT PROGRAM

(Special Correspondence.)  
Sheffield, Dec. 28.—While a Christmas program was in progress at the Congregational church in Bureau Saturday evening, Mrs. John Staube became suddenly ill and died before those who assisted her could get her into the doctor's office, across the street. Death was due to heart failure. She leaves her husband, who is foreman of the bridge and building crew on the Rock Island, and two little children, a boy and a girl, aged 2 and 7 years.

Louis Baas, station agent at Bureau, was hit by a boy coasting on the street and knocked down. He had one leg injured and was considerably shaken up by the fall.

Tramps entered the Rock Island station at Sheffield while Night Operator H. C. Bonita was at the mail and got away with \$17 in cash.

## ALBANY CHURCH AIDS NEAR EAST

(Special Correspondence.)  
Albany, Dec. 28.—The union Christmas exercises held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night were so largely attended that standing room was at a premium. A beautiful tree that bore a treat for every child present or if not there the bag of candy was sent to them. The collection for the near east sufferers amounted to \$50 and seven baskets of eatables were sent to the families who for any reason were unable to provide their own dinners on Christmas. A quantity of clothing was also distributed where it would do the most good.

## Dinner Parties.

A number of dinner parties were enjoyed on the holidays, among which was one at Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sloan's home, 22 being present. Another at A. W. Lewis' home where 12 were present. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beach entertained all their children and most of their grandchildren, a custom that they have adhered to these many years.

**Celebrate Anniversary.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becken celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Sunday, by inviting 21 relatives and friends to dine with them. Mr. Becken's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle of Omaha, Neb., were guests from a distance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Huggins had the pleasure of the company over Christmas of two of their sons, Louis of Anamosa, Iowa, and Walter of Chicago, also a grandson, Robert Huggins of Chicago, and their daughter, Mrs. Roy Jordan and family of Newton.

The old time Christmas dance in Community hall Monday night was a great hit especially with the older people, some of whom had not danced for many years, but found themselves in fairly good trim to "promenade" and "honeymoon" to their partner. A four-piece orchestra from Erie furnished the music.

Theodore Huggins, who has been so critically ill with pneumonia, is convalescing very satisfactorily.

## B. S. P. CLUB MEET AT CALDWELL HOME

(Special to The Argus.)  
Erie, Dec. 28.—About 30 members of the B. S. P. club of Erie met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell. Further plans for the play, "Deacon Dubbs," to be presented by the club in the near future, were made. After the business meeting, a grab bag was produced and every one present received a present. Delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Wadsworth on Jan. 10.

## DELEGATION OF CAMBRIDGE S. S. TO BE AT MEET

(Special Correspondence.)  
Cambridge, Dec. 28.—A large delegation from Cambridge will go to Bloomington Friday to represent the Sunday schools of Cambridge at the conference of the Illinois Sunday School association.

Miss Frankie Tyler returned Tuesday to the University of Illinois.

Harry and Lella Taylor of Denver, Colo., are spending the holidays with their uncle, Harry White, and family.

Fred Swanson and wife spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swan Swanson, at Prophetstown.

## CHOIRS GIVE XMAS PROGRAM AT ATKINSON

Collection Is Given to Pastor—School Children Give Splendid Entertainment.

(Special Correspondence.)  
Atkinson, Dec. 28.—Two choirs of the Catholic parish gave the Christmas eve program at 11:30 at the church. Fred A. Verbeekmoes directed them. Following is the first part of the program: "For Tunes," "Holy Night," a Christmas song.

Lillian E. Coppens, Fred A. Verbeekmoes, "Hushed the Night," Louis Berge Adult Choir.

"See the Star That Gleams on High," Adult Choir.

"No Room for Him," Anonymous. "See in Thy Arms," Berge Children's Choir.

"Listen to the Song of the Angels," Adult Choir.

At 12 o'clock the altar boys preceded Rev. Father Van Wyngaert to the altar where mass was read. The altar choir sang the choral mass in E flat by Paolo Del Campiglio. The offertory hymn was the Adagio Fide by C. T. Tugues, with solos by Lillian E. Coppens, Martha L. Eckout, Irene J. Vandernick and Fred A. Verbeekmoes.

The combined chorus sang the Angelus as a communion hymn. At this mass there were 500 people in attendance. Following each mass Rev. Father Van Wyngaert preached very fine sermons, one in each language, English and Belgium.

The altars were artistically decorated with a profusion of flowers. At the 8 o'clock mass hymns were sung and the high mass was a repetition of midnight mass without the program.

Following the benediction at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the people were invited to the school where the following program was given by the pupils: "The Nativity," Opening Chorus, "Around the Tree," Jolly Santa Claus, The Tots Merry Bells and acrostic.

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## FIRST SESSION OF INSTITUTE HELD AT SCHOOL

Frank I. Mann of Gilman Addresses Members—Carl Vrooman Dealtained at Washington.

(Special Correspondence.)  
Geneseo, Ill., Dec. 28.—Speaking on the topic "Can We Use Lime-stone and Phosphate Profitably at Present Farm Prices?" Frank I. Mann of Gilman, Ill., gave a practical talk on the value of fertilizers at the first session of the Henry County Farmers' Institute held at the Geneseo Township high school yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Mann is a very successful farmer who has consistently followed the practice of phosphate and limestone fertilization for a period of 36 years.

He really continued the address of the morning in his afternoon talk on "Results on Bois d'Arc Farm." This is his own farm and is considered one of the best examples of correct fertilizing practice in the state. He invariably raises corn crops of 50 bushels per acre with wheat averaging 40 bushels. Mr. Mann appeared on the program this morning and closed his appearance at this institute with his address on "Movement of Plant Food from Soil to the Plant and from the Plant Back to the Soil." In the evening a series of moving pictures were shown at 7:30, presenting methods of handling horses, especially in the manner of breaking colts.

**Vrooman Not Here.**  
Because of the fact that mail for former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman failed to reach him at the point at which it was sent, he was unable to arrange his affairs to leave Washington, D. C., to permit him to be present last evening as announced on the program. In his absence Harold C. Kossing, associate in swine husbandry, University of Illinois.

11:15 a. m.—Results of Calf and Pig club work in the county. Ralph Gale, assistant county farm advisor, 1:15 p. m.—Address: "Management of Swine for Prevention of Disease and for Profit," by J. B. Rice, address: "The World's Food Problem," by C. C. Pervier.

7:30 p. m.—Moving pictures.

8:00 p. m.—"The Uses of the Library in the Community," Miss Sophia Grant, librarian.

8:15 p. m.—Address: "Relation of Farmers' Organizations to Rural Life," by Howard Leonard, president Illinois Agricultural association.

His first price was for fair prices for the farmers' products. He stated that never in the history of this country have the prices of farm products been so low and the cost of the things he must buy so high as at present. The percentage of variation is the widest on record in America's history. To correct this he feels that great progress can be accomplished by the cooperation of the farm institute and the farm bureau.

Senator Kessinger feels that in the process of deflation the Federal Reserve bank made a grievous error in picking the farmer and his products. In the process of readjustment the farmer's burden is undoubtedly been out of proportion in comparison with practically every other line of activity. This was due, in no little degree, to the fact that the farmer found himself unorganized in an organized world. All large interests were represented in legislation with strong organizations except the farmer. "We live," said Senator Kessinger, "in a day of large organizations but of little individual worth."

As a manufacturer and producer the farmer is the only business man who does not know what his product will bring on the market while in the process of production. He lacks a cost system and then finds himself competing with the farmer of other fellow's market at that man's price. "The time is coming," said the speaker, "when the farmer will have a word to say in fixing market prices on a fair basis. Neither the antitrust bill at Springfield nor the Capper-Bill at Washington will put the board of trade out of business. The fight today really is 'Main Street' vs. 'Wall Street.' Therefore, in a world of organization the farmer, to protect his interests must also organize."

## KEWANEE MAN TO BE PARTNER IN INSURANCE FIRM

(Special Correspondence.)  
Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 28.—George W. Harding of this city, field superintendent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Harding has been engaged in insurance work with this concern for the past 10 years and is widely known throughout Henry and the adjoining counties. Effective Jan. 1, Mr. Harding will enter the service of the Equitable Life Insurance company of Iowa, to become a partner of the well-established firm of Peterson & Smith at Davenport, the new firm to be known as Peterson, Smith & Harding. Mr. Harding will have as his territory, eastern Iowa and western Illinois.

## XMAS PARTY AT PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOL FRIDAY

(Special Correspondence.)  
Bowling, Dec. 28.—A holiday party has been arranged to be given at the Pleasant Ridge school Friday evening, Dec. 30. It will be held in the basement of the church, which will be suitably decorated for the occasion. A committee has arranged a program of games and contests. Refreshments will be served. This is an annual affair given by the Community club for the young people. Every one is invited.

## Geneseo Personals

Mrs. Charles Gritman and son Arville are visiting with relatives in Chicago. They will return the early part of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van De More are the parents of a baby son, born at their home on North Stewart street last Sunday. Mrs. Van De More formerly was Miss Irene Specht.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schumacher of Rock Island were in Geneseo Monday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fischer.

Bert Hoeft was in Davenport yesterday, arranging for the delivery of harness supplies for the completion of a large number of sets of harness which he is preparing for his trade.

Miss Ella Claussen, superintendent at the Hammond hospital, was in Davenport over Christmas visiting with her mother.

Arthur Godfrey, who is now in the stock commission business in Chicago, returned there last Monday evening after visiting several days with relatives in this city.

difference and laziness of the average citizen in his civic duties. With the motto of the Wallace Farmer of "good farming, clean living and right thinking," the fondest hopes of fair play, with justice, not only to all but also from all, can be realized.

**Tomorrow's Program.**  
The program for Thursday is as follows:

1:30 p. m.—Music. Election of Officers.

2:00 p. m.—Report from Henry County's first delegate to the State Fair school of domestic science.

2:30 p. m.—Address: "Home Management"—Miss Margery Sims, of Home Economics Extension, S. U. of Illinois, Urbana.

3:30 p. m.—Joint meeting. "Uses of the Library in the Community," Miss Sophia Grant.

**General Meetings.**  
10:00 a. m.—Address: "Making the Most Pounds of Pork at the Lowest Cost per Pound," by J. B. Rice, associate in swine husbandry, University of Illinois.